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New Chief Auditor Appointed at PERAC Caryn M. Shea joins the Agency with extensive experience in public agency auditing



Caryn Shea PERAC Chief Auditor

Executive Director Joseph E. Connarton is pleased to announce that Ms. Caryn M. Shea has joined PERAC's staff as its new Chief Auditor. Ms. Shea replaces Mr. Harry Chadwick who returned to his home area of Western Massachusetts as a PERAC Field Auditor.

Ms. Shea has extensive experience in professional auditing in both the public and private sectors. She spent more than 25 years in the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) in several positions starting as a Field Auditor and working her way up to an Audit Manager and most recently as Quality Assurance Manager. During that time, she worked under current State Auditor and PERAC Vice Chair

Suzanne Bump and previously under former State Auditors A. Joseph DeNucci and John J. Finnegan.

Ms. Shea holds a B.S. in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting from Fitchburg State University and is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Specialist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Ms. Shea has also been a part of the retirement community for the past 20 years since joining the Shrewsbury Board as the fifth member in 1996, and had served as the chairperson for the past eight years.

Executive Director Joseph E. Connarton welcomed Caryn to the PERAC staff:

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Caryn Shea as our new Chief Auditor.

Caryn is no stranger to State Government auditing and its unique administrative challenges. She brings an almost unparalleled level of experience and proficiency in Massachusetts public auditing to our agency. The length and breadth of her experience in the State Auditor's office, not to mention her significant experience in private sector auditing, will be a tremendous asset to our agency as we continue to meet one of our most vital responsibilities - auditing our 104 retirement systems.

I know that Chairman Philip Y. Brown, his fellow Commissioners and the entire staff join me in welcoming Caryn Shea to PERAC."

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